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SUBJECT: STORMFURY RETURNS WITH THE TYPHOON SEASON

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1. ON MAY 28 TWO MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR'S STAFF CALLED ON ACTING DCM TO INQUIRE AS TO STATUS OF STROMFURY AND/OR POSSIBILITY OF JOINT PHILIPPINE-US TYPHOON MODERATION RESEARCH.

2. ADCM SOUGHT TO AVOID CONVEYING ANY THOUGHT THAT US NOW IN POSITION TO ENTER INTO SUCH A PROGRAM, VUT NOTED THAT IN TIME TYPHOON RESEARCH MIGHT BE COVERED UNDER US-RP BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (REF C). ADCM URGED FURTHER STUDY OF THE DRAFT ALREADY SUBMITTED BUT SAID THAT A
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MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL AS TO WHAT FORM COOPERATIVE

EFFORT WOULD TAKE WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT DECISIONS
REGARDING STORMFURY.

3. AS REGARDS STORM FURY MOVEMENT TO PACIFIC, ADCM
REITERATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN
ON PART PRINCIPALLY OF JAPAN ABOUT TYPHOON SEEDING
EXPERIMENTS FURTHER DIPLOMATIC WORK WAS NEEDED
TO ALLAY SUCH CONCERNS, BEFORE A RESEARCH PROGRAM INVOLVING
EXPERIMENTATION EITHER UNDER STORMFURY OR SOME OTHER
PROGRAM COULD BE UNDERTAKEN. ADCM INQUIRED WHETHER
GOP WAS DISCUSSING MATTER WITH JAPANESE AND WAS INFORMED
THAT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR WAS UNDERTAKING
CONSULTATIONS.

4. COMMENT: AS TYPHOON SEASON APPROACHES ONCE
MORE, FILIPINO PREOCCUPATION WITH LACK OF PROGRESS IN
PROGRAM OF TYPHOON RESEARCH WILL MOUNT. ASIDE FROM
STORMFURY PROSPECTS, HOWEVER, FILIPINOS, PARTICULARLY
MELCHOR, ARE FAR LESS THAN SATISFIED THAT US COMMITMENT
TO JOINT ACTIVITIES HAS IN ANY SENSE BEEN DISCHARGED.
WE WILL HEAR MUCH MORE OF THIS, ESPECIALLY IF THE
SEASON IS BAD. PURNELL

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